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Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the fourth and final annual report of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force;[1]

(b) Welcomes the valuable contribution of the Task Force to harnessing the potential of information and communication technologies as powerful tools with which to foster socio-economic development and contribute to the realization of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[2]

(c) Reiterates the need to sustain and further strengthen multi-stakeholder cross-sectoral dialogue on the role of information and communication technologies in development, and to this end encourages the development of multi-stakeholder processes at the international level aimed at engaging all stakeholders in open and inclusive collaborative initiatives and partnerships to enhance the impact of information and communication technologies on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

(d) In this context, takes note of the initiative of the Secretary-General to launch the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development and requests the Secretary-General to include information on the activities of the Alliance in his annual report to the Economic and Social Council.

[1] See E/2006/63.

[2] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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